

OC220002

14 February 2022

Tēnā koe

I refer to your email dated 10 January 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Hello, could I please request the following documents under the OIA.

Thank you very much,

Will Daly.

Reply 55072 (2021) has been answered

Portfolio: Transport (Hon Michael Wood)

Question: What draft advice, reports, memorandum or aide-memoir, if any, has the Minister received about the Auditor-General's examination of the City Rail Link project?

Reply: The Ministry of Transport provided me with a copy of the preliminary audit findings from the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG)'s audit about the governance of the CRL project in December 2020, a briefing detailing the Crown response to the OAG preliminary audit on governance of City Rail Link in February 2021 (OC200989), and a copy of OAG's draft report and a briefing detailing the Crown response to OAG's draft report in December 2021 (OC210978). 55072 (2021)”.

Four documents fall within the scope of your request and are detailed in the document schedule attached as Annex 1. The schedule outlines how the documents you requested have been treated under the Act.

All documents are being withheld under sections:

- 9(2)(ba)(ii) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials

With regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest considerations that would make it desirable to make the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fleur D'Souza', written in a cursive style.

Fleur D'Souza
Manager, Programme Assurance and Commercial

Annex 1 - Document Schedule

Doc#	Document	Decision on release
1	OC200989 Crown response to the Office of the Auditor General's preliminary audit results on the governance of the City Rail Link Project	Withheld in full under Sections 9(2)(ba)(ii) and 9(2)(f)(iv).
2	Preliminary Audit Results on the Governance of the City Rail Link Project	Withheld in full under Sections 9(2)(ba)(ii) and 9(2)(f)(iv).
3	OC210978 Crown response to OAG draft report on City Rail Link governance	Withheld in full under Sections 9(2)(ba)(ii) and 9(2)(f)(iv).
4	Draft Report on the Governance of the City Rail Link Project	Withheld in full under Sections 9(2)(ba)(ii) and 9(2)(f)(iv).